Kelliher Charitable Trust PhD Scholarship in Economics

**Code:** 710 (D)  
**Faculty:** Business School  
**Applicable study:** PhD in Economics  
**Closing date:** 14 July  
**Tenure:** Up to 3 years  
**For:** Assistance  
**Number on offer:** Varies (depending on availability of funding)  
**Offer rate:** Annually  
**Value:** Up to $15,000 pa

**Description**

The Scholarship was established in 2012 and is funded by the Kelliher Charitable Trust. The main purpose of the Scholarship is to support the Trust's interest in promoting the economic well-being of New Zealanders.

**Selection process**

- Application is made to the Scholarships Office  
- A Selection Committee assessed the applications  
- Short-listed applicants may be asked to attend an interview  
- The Scholarship is awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee

**Regulations**

1. The Scholarship will be known as the Kelliher Charitable Trust PhD Scholarship in Economics. Successful applicants will be known as “Kelliher Charitable Trust Scholars”.
2. One or more Scholarships may be available annually as funds permit, for a period of up to three years, and will be of the value of up to $15,000 pa.
3. To take up the Scholarship, the recipient must be enrolled and have paid the fees, or arranged to pay the fees, for full-time study in a PhD in Economics.
4. The Scholarship is tenable by students who are citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand.
5. The basis of selection will be academic merit and demonstrated potential to undertake research on a topic that will be beneficial to the economic wellbeing of New Zealand. Matters that may be considered in relation to academic merit include, but are not limited to, academic record, standing of awarding institution, academic references, CV and research and publication record. Where a qualifying programme with a grade point average (GPA) or grade point equivalent (GPE) is the basis for entry to the PhD, a candidate must have a GPA/GPE of at least 7.00 (6.50 for Māori or Pacific candidates) in that programme to be eligible for scholarship consideration. Where a qualifying programme is entirely pass/fail, the University may generate a GPA only where the programme consists entirely of a thesis (see
Note I).

6. The Scholarship will be awarded by the University of Auckland Council on the recommendation of a Selection Committee comprising the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics (or nominee), the Head of the Department of Economics (or nominee) and one representative of the Kelliher Charitable Trust (see Note III).

7. The University of Auckland Council is not obliged to make an award if in any year there is no candidate of sufficient merit.

8. The Scholarship will be paid as a fortnightly stipend.

9. The Scholarship may be held concurrently with any other scholarship, award or grant as long as a) the terms of that scholarship, award or grant permit and b) the University of Auckland Council is informed and approves.

10. The University of Auckland Council, in consultation with the Donor, has the power to terminate or suspend a Scholarship if it receives a report of unsatisfactory progress of a Scholar from the Head of the Department of Economics.

11. The University of Auckland has the power to amend or vary these Regulations, in consultation with the Donor, provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

12. Applications close with the Scholarships Office on 14 July in the year of the award.

13. Notes [I]-[IV] below are deemed to be regulations.

Notes

I. Where the qualifying programme is an undergraduate honours degree (or equivalent undergraduate degree or integrated undergraduate and postgraduate degree), the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the final two years of full-time study (or equivalent) in the programme. In all other cases, the GPA/GPE will be calculated over the entirety of the programme.

II. In making a recommendation for the Scholarship the selection committee shall take into account other scholarships, bursaries and awards held by the candidates, with a view to achieving a fair distribution of monies among qualifying candidates.

III. Candidates may be asked to present their research findings to the Kelliher Charitable Trust trustees and/or their nominees.

IV. Recipients of a Kelliher Charitable Trust PhD Scholarship in Economics will be required to give undertakings that they will comply with the regulations for the Scholarship and will notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment, employment or funding status. The University of Auckland may, in the event that it can be established that a recipient of a Kelliher Charitable Trust PhD Scholarship in Economics is not complying with these regulations, terminate the Scholarship and require repayment of the funds from the date of the breach.